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AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EFIS, PFOR, CS

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT CLEARANCE FOR TUNA ENFORCEMENT

REF: STATE 047616 (NOTAL)

1. BEFORE APPROACHING THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT FOR PERMISSION TO OPERATE U.S. AIRCRAFT OUT OF SAN JOSE FOR THE PURPOSE OF AERIAL SURVEILLANCE OF U.S. TUNA FISHING OPERATIONS INVOLVING SETTING ON PORPOISE, THE EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE THE PROBABLE COSTA RICAN REACTION.

2. THERE HAS BEEN GROWING PUBLIC INTEREST AND GOVERNMENT CONCERN IN COSTA RICA IN RECENT MONTHS ABOUT FOREIGN FISHING BOATS FISHING WITHOUT A PERMIT ALLEGEDLY WITHIN COSTA RICA'S 200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE OR EVEN WITHIN ITS 12-MILE LIMIT. SUCH BOATS MAY BE FISHING FOR TUNA OR OTHER SPECIES OF FISH OR SHELLFISH.

3. THE EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT THE COSTA RICAN GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO A REQUEST TO OPERATE AERIAL  
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SURVEILLANCE OUT OF SAN JOSE OF U.S. FISHING OPERATIONS WOULD BE TO REQUEST THAT COSTA RICAN OBSERVERS BE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE. THEIR PRIME OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND INFORMATION ON FISHING VESSELS OPERATING WITHOUT LICENSES - SOMETHING THEY HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO BEFORE. THE COSTA RICANS MIGHT WELL ASK THAT THE SURVEILLANCE INCLUDE ALL NON-COSTA

RICAN FISHING BOATS OPERATING WITHIN COSTA RICA'S  
200-MILE FISHERIES ZONE.

4. UNLESS THE USG IS PREPARED TO ACCEDE TO  
ANTICIPATED GOCR REQUESTS, EMBASSY WOULD ADVISE AGAINST  
ASKING GOCR FOR PERMISSION TO CONDUCT SURVEILLANCE OPER-  
ATIONS OUT OF SAN JOSE.

5. IF HONORING ANTICIPATED GOCR REQUEST WOULD BE  
INADVISABLE, DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER  
THE ALTERNATIVE OF CONDUCTING THE AERIAL SURVEILLANCE  
OPERATIONS OUT OF THE U.S. BASE IN THE PANAMA CANAL ZONE.  
IN SUCH A CASE, IT WOULD APPEAR TO US THAT NO CLEARANCE  
FROM COSTA RICAN AUTHORITIES WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR FLIGHTS  
THAT DID NOT PENETRATE THE LIMITS OF COSTA RICAN AIR  
SPACE WHICH EXTEND OUT TO THE 12-MILE LIMIT.  
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